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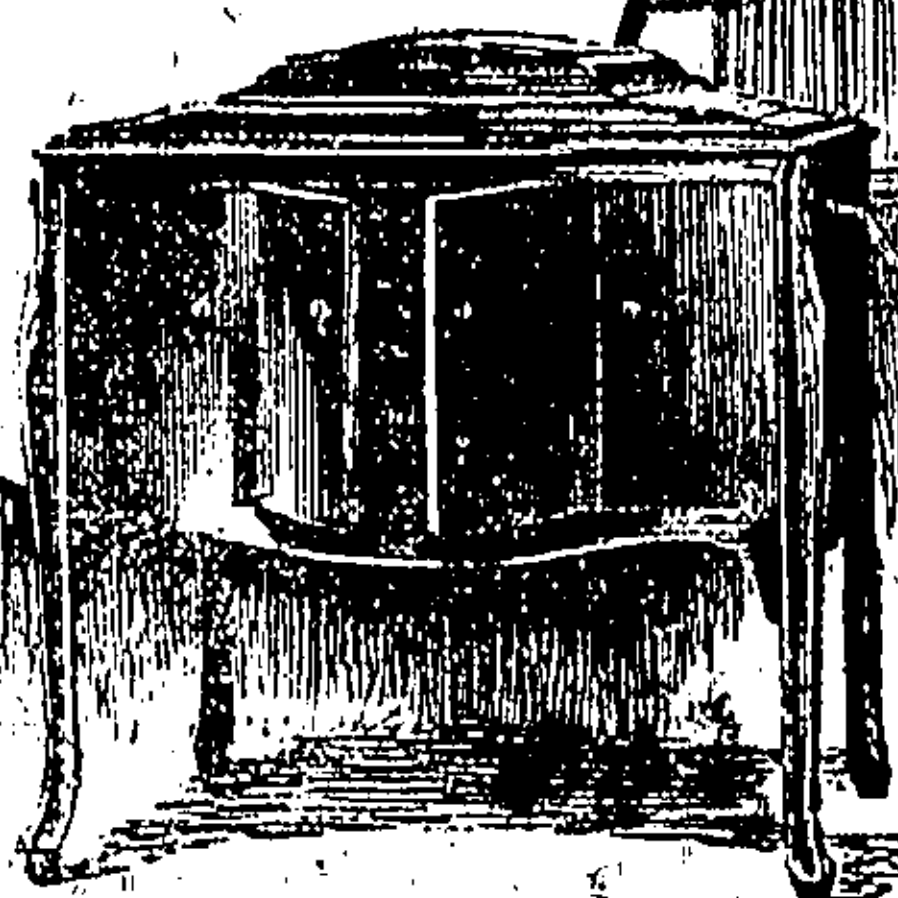
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GENERAL SMUTS DEFEATED.

SOUTH AFRICAN SURPRISE.

LABOUR CANDIDATE'S VICTORY.

STRAIGHT FIGHT OUTCOME.

GOVERNMENT MAJORITY UNLIKELY.

(Reuter's Service.)

CAPETOWN, June 17.
The general elections began today. The
Premier, General Smuts, was defeated in a
3-cornered contest at Pretoria West.

Earlier results show increased polls compared
with the 1921 election.

The Cabinet Minister Mr. P. Duncan, and the
former Minister Mr. J. W. Jagger have been
returned.

The Ministerialists have hitherto lost three
seats and gained none.

General Jan Christiaan Smuts, was born at
Pretoria in 1870. He took an active part in the
Boer War, being placed in supreme command of



Premier Smuts

the Republic of
South Africa. In 1916 he succeeded General Smith-Dorrien
as Commander-in-Chief in German East Africa,
which office he vacated in 1917 to go to England as
representative for South Africa at the Imperial War
Cabinet; in this capacity his great constructive and
administrative abilities found scope. He conducted
abortive peace negotiations in Switzerland with
Austrian emissaries. He visited Palestine in March
1918 and Austria-Hungary in April 1919. Taking
part in the Peace Conference, he drew up the scheme
for the League of Nations.

LATER.

The Ministerialist Sir Abe Bailey was defeated
at Krugersdorp.

The party gains up to the present are Labour 72,
Nationalists 3, Ministerialists 3, and Independent 1.

It is difficult to see how the Government can
now secure a majority.

In transcripts that General Smuts was beaten in
a straight fight with Labour.

Telling on the Rand shows increased Labour
and Nationalist votes.

FRANCE'S AIMS.

NEW PREMIER'S POLICY.

PLEDGES FOR THE RUHR.

PARIS, June 17.

M. Herriot, in his Ministerial statement, said it
was impossible to evacuate the Ruhr before the
pledges provided by the experts and effective
guarantees had been constituted and handed over
to qualified international organisations. The dis-
armament of Germany must be controlled by the
common effort of the Allies and as soon as possible
by the League of Nations.

The resumption of normal relations in Russia
was being prepared under conditions imposed by
the respect of treaties.

M. Herriot foreshadowed an extensive conver-
sation operation. He said active military service
would be shortened though in such a manner that
France would never be taken by surprise or
enfeebled.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

PARIS, June 17.

President Doumergue in a message to Parlia-
ment declares he is determined to remain the im-
partial arbitrator above parties. He emphasises the
need of calm in order to establish peace
so as to develop commerce and industry
and restore the prosperity of the country.
He declares the absence of peace is not
the fault of France who fosters no dangerous
ambitions but only desires payment of
reparations and guarantees of security.
The question of reparations seems to be
approaching the final solution but a debtor
must prove good faith by definite action in a
conciliatory spirit. France cannot cease vigilance
and renounce her established position or method
of control which treaties have entitled her to
exercise in Germany which appears to be preparing
for a war of revenge instead of fulfilling
engagements.

MEXICAN INCIDENT.

LONDON, June 17.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, through the Mexican
Consul General in London has made strong repre-
sentations to Mexico with regard to the Cummins
affair. The Premier has interviewed the American
Ambassador and the United States are being kept
fully informed of the progress of events.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

PARIS, June 17.

In the Davis Cup third round Lacoste (France)
beat Sleson (India) 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 and Cochet
(France) beat Jacob (India) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

UNITY OF EMPIRE.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE DEBATE.

VOTE TO BE FREE.

LABOUR GOVERNMENT'S DECISION.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, June 17.

The Dominions Gallery in the House of
Commons, the Liberal and Labour benches were
filled early for the Imperial preference debate.

Sir Philip Lloyd Greame moved the first of ten
resolutions of which notice was given in the name
of Mr. Stanley Baldwin and the first four of which
proposed Imperial preference without impos-
ing any new charge on foreigners while
the remainder did impose such charges.

While there is a small chance of the Opposition
carrying the last six resolutions there is a chance
of their carrying the first four if their appeal for a
non-Party debate succeeds.

The Opposition in this connection looks to
sixty Labour members and the British Common-
wealth group to give a lead to their Party. The
first resolution proposes that imperial figs, raisins,
plums and currants should be imported duty-free.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, Secretary for the Colonies,
said that while the resolutions would be left to the
free vote of the House and the Government would
accept the verdict the Government themselves pro-
posed to vote against the resolutions. As announced
the Government had reconsidered its earlier
decision in regard to the Dominion Committee and
would be prepared if the Dominions desired, to
consider the question in not on the lines of the com-
mittee as proposed, but perhaps an *ad hoc* body
something like the Shipping Board. The
Dominions would be consulted in this connection.

Mr. Thomas said it was worth considering
whether it would not help Imperial unity and en-
courage confidence to invite not only Dominion
Prime Ministers but responsible leaders of the
Opposition to Imperial conferences. He knew the
latter were reluctant but opinion he had consulted
showed a conviction that some such change was
absolutely necessary in order to make the con-
ferences more effective and more real. It would
only lead to disaster to continue with conferences
only to find when they were broken up that nothing
whenever had been done. This would lead to
agitation against conferences and would be disas-
trous to everybody.

Sir J. Simon on behalf of the Liberals stoutly
opposed the resolution.

Mr. Seely, Imperialist free trader, however
begged the house to pass the first four resolutions
and not cling to doctrinaire free trade to the dis-
advantage of Imperial relations.

Mr. Haden Guest, Secretary of the newly-
formed Labour Commonwealth group, also an-
nounced his intention of favouring the first four
resolutions.

Mr. J. Wedgwood declared that the lines on
which the Labour members proposed to proceed
were more likely to secure permanent unity of the
Empire than the Conservative policy.

The debate was adjourned.

COUNTY CRICKET.

SOME INTERESTING RESULTS.

SEVERAL CENTURIES MADE.

LONDON, June 17.

At Lord's Somerset beat Middlesex by 37 runs.
Somerset's scores were 178 (Luc 5 wickets for 35)
and 135. Middlesex made 128 (Robertson-Glasgow
9 for 38) and 149.

At Hove Sussex beat Leicestershire by ten
wickets. Leicestershire scored 186 (Bowley 5 for 27)
and 51, of which Parkes contributed 71 and 17,
respectively. Sussex made 233 and 6 for no wicket.

At Colchester Gloucestershire beat Essex by
four wickets. Essex made 188 (Parker 7 for 91)
and 302 (Russell 104). Gloucestershire replied with 195
and 299 for 6 wickets (Dipper 115, Smith 96).

At Manchester Surrey obtained a first innings
verdict from Lancashire. Surrey made 195
(Tyldesley (R) 5 for 52) and 238 (Tyldesley 6 for
79). Lancashire scored 165 and 197 for 7 wickets.

At Tonbridge Kent beat Worcestershire by 93
runs. Kent's totals were 137 and 345 (Seymour
167). Worcestershire scored 158 and 231 (Roster 128).

At Nottingham Nottingham beat Hampshire by 124
runs. Nottingham made 273 (Whysall 61, John Gunn 47)
and 307 for 3 declared (Whysall 150 not out).
Hampshire made 217 and 239 (Mead 84).

At Chesterfield Yorkshire beat Derbyshire by
137 runs. Yorkshire made 169 (Horsley 6 for 42)
and 205. Derby scored 74 and 163.

STEAMERS COLLIDE.

TERRIBLE FIORD DISASTER.

SCORES OF DEATHS.

CHRISTIANIA, June 17.

A score of deaths mostly of women and
children have taken place through a collision
between the mail steamers "Haakonjar" and
"Kong Harald" in Vest Fiord.

The former vessel sank immediately.

WORKERS' RIGHTS.

GENEVA, June 17.

Mr. Suzuki, the Japanese workers' delegate to
the International Labour Conference, which has
opened here, requested that the question of the legal
recognition of the liberty of workers to form unions
should be placed on the agenda for the 1925 session.
He asked the conference to institute an enquiry
into the question of liberty of association in order
that a recommendation for the suppression of the
hindrances placed by legislation in the way of the
development of organising workers might then be
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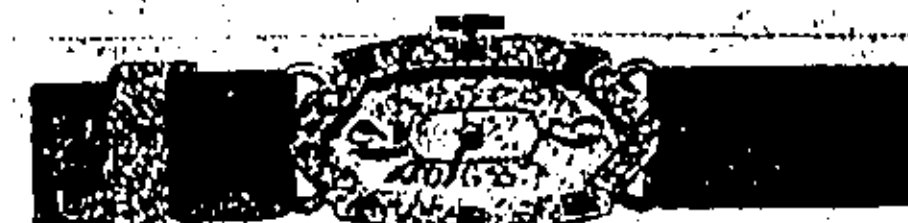
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Daily Mirror, and would be the
only woman so honoured since it
was conferred shortly before her
death on Florence Nightingale.**Byron Stamps.**The British Post Office has
always pursued a conservative
policy with regard to postage
stamps, and the Imperial Exhibition
issue is the first break with
tradition. Most other countries
make frequent changes in design,
and some of the smaller republics
in South America have derived a
comparatively large revenue by
issuing new stamps on the slight-
est pretext and selling them to
stamp collectors all over the world.
Greece cannot be suspected of
this financial jugglery, and she is
quite justified in printing a series
of stamps in commemoration of the
Byron centenary, relates the Daily
Chronicle. One represents the
landing of Byron at Missolonghi,
and another bears the portrait of
the poet in his youth.**A Wealthy Journalist.**The surprise occasioned by the
news that Sir Henry Lucy has left
a quarter of a million is at least
testimony that nobody expects the
working journalist to be a man of
wealth (points out the Westminster
Gazette). This is, as we need scarce-
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experience, writes Mrs. Jack Lon-
don in her Biography of Jack
London. When a great asking
comes upon me, in unlighted hours
when my lamp burns low, I think
of it. Rising one morning with a
renewed cheerfulness that bubbled
over into song, suddenly, as clearly
as ever I had looked upon the man,
I saw Jack stepping blithely in a
green domain, the very picture of
an Elysian pastoral, whistling
comrades to an unmistakable
friend shadowing his heel—Peggy.**the beloved, our small canine Irish
saint of the Southern Seas. What
was it—a miscalculation of my
unconscious that let the dear
dream spill over into fore-
consciousness to rejoice the day?**To my lips sprang the old hymn
Jack had, often smiled to hear,
when he rode the bush mountains
of our own Eden:
"On the other side of Jordan, in
the sweet fields of Eden,
Where the tree of life is bloom-
ing, there is rest for me."**To Paint the Prince?**According to a report which has
reached me from Austria (says a
writer in the Daily Express), the
most famous woman portrait
painter in that country has
petitioned the Prince of Wales to
sit for her. The lady is Mme.
Anna Welt-Kaplaner, whose hus-
band, a well-known biologist, is
now lecturing in America. It
remains to be seen whether the
Prince, now South Africa is off his
hands, will accede to the painter's
request or whether he will be con-
tent with British artists, as
recorders of his features and
personality. Should the Prince
consent, this will be the first
occasion on which royalty has,
since the war, been painted by an
ex-enemy artist.**Mrs. Brown's Two Maids of
Honour.**The Hon. Victoria Bruce and
Miss Christian Fleming, the Maids
of Honour to Mrs. Brown, wife of
the Lord High Commissioner for
Scotland, have worked together
before, (says the London Evening
News). Miss Bruce is president
of the Girls' Guild in St.
Columba's Church, an organiza-
tion with an age limit of 30 years,
and Miss Christian Fleming is her
first lieutenant. In their new
duties the little lieutenant expects
to take orders still from her cap-
tain, who is the elder of the two
girls and has already taken her
place in the social world. Miss
Christian Fleming, who is only
twenty years old, has been prin-
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25 in examining some of those
great cinema studios which are
the pride of Los Angeles, and
some of those great impersonators
who are the pride of the cinema
studios. We first made the ac-
quaintance of Douglas Fairbanks
and his wife, better known as
Mary Pickford, who are, I suppose,
at this moment, the most popular
conception of the ideal male and
female. We came to the conclusion
that the popular conception
was quite right and that the public
had got a perfectly true reaction.
It would be hard to meet two peo-
ple who have been less spoiled by
universal praise and by sudden
wealth. Save for Houdini, I
know no one who has performed
such reckless, dare-devil acts as
Fairbanks, and one only fears
that some day he may lose that
nerve which carries him through.
He told me that only once had he
been shaken, and that was after
leaping over a narrow gorge in
the Colorado canon with a 2,000
feet drop. He landed on a small
ledge only a foot or two across,
and when he looked down he was
physically sick. As a rule, how-
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1.—That the authorised capital of the Company (which is now) \$900,000, consisting of 90,000 shares of the nominal value of \$10 each of which the whole have been issued be increased to \$1,500,000 by the creation of 60,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$10 each such new shares (subject as hereinafter mentioned) to be issued at such time or times and on such terms and conditions in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may think fit and to rank (subject as hereinafter mentioned) as from the date of allotment for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the shares constituting the Company's present capital.

2.—That there be offered at par in the first instance to the members of the Company who on the 7th day of July, 1924, are registered in the Company's Share Register as holders of the said 90,000 shares one new share for every complete number of three old shares held by them respectively and so that on acceptance of the offer the nominal amount of \$10 due in respect of each of such new shares shall be payable as to the sum of \$5, part thereof, on the first day of November, 1924, and as to the sum of \$5 the balance thereof on the 1st day of May, 1925.

3.—That such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer, if not accepted by the member on behalf of himself or his nominee, will be deemed to be declined and that the Company's Board of Directors be at liberty to fix such time and (in case of shareholders whose place of address is not in Hongkong) to extend it to such date or dates as they may think fit.

4.—That no shareholder shall be entitled to any offer of a fraction of an additional share in respect of any odd share or shares held by such shareholder.

5.—That, until such time as the said new shares shall be fully paid up they shall vis-a-vis the said 90,000 old shares only rank for dividend in proportion to the ratio borne by the amount paid up thereon in respect of the nominal value thereof to the full nominal value (\$10) thereof.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, aforesaid on MONDAY, the seventh day of July, 1924, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as Special Resolutions the above mentioned resolutions.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, the 28th day of June, 1924, to Monday, the 7th day of July, 1924, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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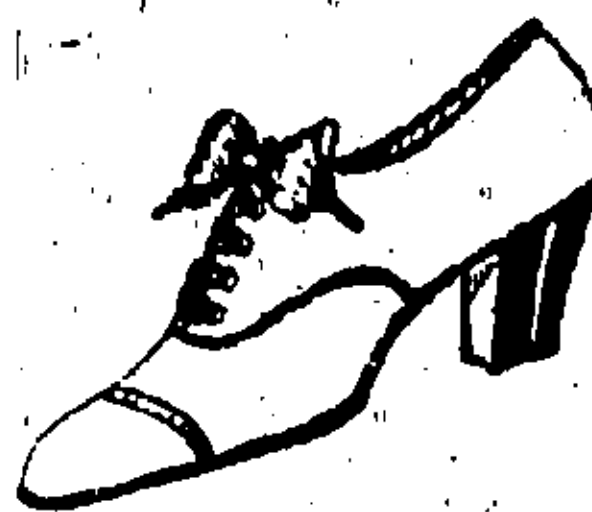
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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND
NEAR.

"Mussolinia" is to be the name
of a new town in Sicily, and
during his forthcoming visit to the
island Signor Mussolini will lay
the foundation-stone of the
municipal hall of the city.

"The Three Musketeers," Mr.
Isidore de Lara's latest opera,
which was first produced at Cannes
some two years ago, met with an
enthusiastic reception at the
Theatre Royal, Newcastle. It was
staged by the Royal Carl Rosa
Company, and will shortly be
brought to London.

Recent wills proved include
Mr. John J. Watson, lately chair-
man of Messrs. James Watson and
Co., Ltd., distillers and wine and
spirit merchants, £388,714; Mr.
Andrew Bremner, formerly in
business as a fish-curer at Wick,
Yarmouth, £100,847; and Miss
Henrietta E. Reeve, £113,363.

Following the decision of the
German miners in the Ruhr area
to insist on a seven-hour day for
underground men, and for an
eight-hour day for the surface
employees, the mineowners de-
clared a lock-out, which became
operative. About 85 per cent. of
the men are now out.

Alfred Borg, wanted by the
police for a bank robbery in Cairo
three years ago, has been arrested
at Spaurin, on the line to Naples.
It is stated that he and the cashier
got away with £100,000, escaping
from Egypt in an aeroplane.

According to a message from
New York, an attempt has been
made to pack the House of
Representatives Committee on
Military Affairs in favour of Mr.
Henry Ford, who has offered
\$40,000,000, "real money," for a
lease of the Muscle Shoals, a great
tract of land rich in nitrates and
water for power purposes.

A Diplomatic Correspondent
states that Rustan Bey, the
Albanian Deputy, one of the
murderers of the former leader
Essad Pasha, has succumbed to the
wounds received at the hands
of assassins outside the Parliament
building at Tirana.

Field-Marshal Earl Haig and
officers of the Household Cavalry
and other regiments, together with
representatives of the rank and
file, attended the unveiling of the
Household Cavalry memorial in
the village of Zandvoorde. The
memorial, which takes the form of
a pyramid, surmounted by a stone
cross, was handed over to the
Burgomaster of Zandvoorde.

Some details of a ghastly murder
at Eastbourne have been
brought to light by the detention
on suspicion of a man who called
at the cloak-room of Waterloo
Station to collect a portmanteau,
which, it is stated, contained
woman's underclothing, some of
which was bloodstained. A
search of a bungalow at the
Crumbles, Eastbourne, revealed
the dismembered body of a
woman.

Berlin was the scene of a curious
incident between two Wurtemberg
police officials and a Bolshevik.
The latter was being escorted to
Pomerania, and while in Berlin he
led them to the Bolshevik com-
mercial agency, where he called
on his confederates to help him. The
policemen were locked in a room.
Soon afterwards the Berlin police
seized the building, and many
arrests were made. The original
prisoner, however, had escaped.

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35117	R N	37/8	7 c/s Melton	29/10/20
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36470	R N	5/8	4 " Felt Hats	1/1/21
	845/S			

Lot	Marks	Nos.	Pkgs.	Date of storing
36719	do	9/25	7 " do	18/1/21
28248	R N	469,277	7 " Brandy	1/12/18
	562		(content empty bottles)	

Lot	Marks	Nos.	Pkgs.	Date of storing
28727	A T P		43 c/s Wine	28/3-19

Lot	Marks	Nos.	Pkgs.	Date of storing
34689	611	91/2	2 c/s Woollens	13/10/20

Lot	Marks	Nos.	Pkgs.	Date of storing
34933	580	102/3	2 " do	27/10/20
	641	95/8	4 " do	do
		104/1	1 " do	do
35411	447	110/11	2 " do	12/11/20
	447/572	112	1 " do	do
	572	113	1 " do	do

Lot	Marks	Nos.	Pkgs.	Date of storing
34665	SCT	1/10	10 c/s Window Glass	6/10/20

Lot	Marks	Nos.	Pkgs.	Date of storing
29946	K A	3 boxes	Tinplates	23/10/19

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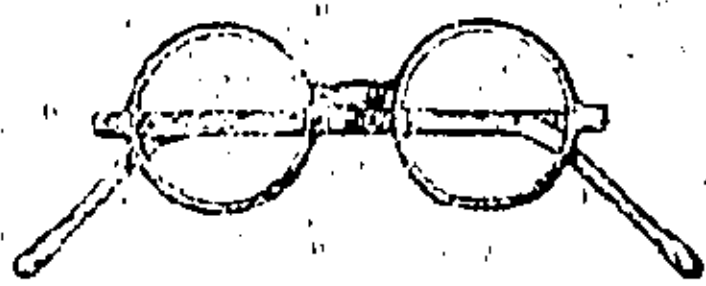
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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, June 18, 1924.

FRESH HOPE.

Reading the new French Government's programme one might, knowing the ways of new administrations, murmur something polite about good intentions. This would be no reflection upon our gallant allies. How often have we not read the glowing promises of our new governments, only to learn later that—But why dwell upon such a mournful topic? The new French Government, should it seek to carry out one single reform, would yet be no worse, from the international standpoint, than its immediate predecessor. That, however, is less than courtesy to the new regime; certainly it is less than justice, for there is no reason to suppose that the Herriot Cabinet, invested with a mandate from the people to alter the stubborn Poincare policy, that has been ruining Europe, will not

achieve certain very marked reforms. Foremost among the changes vitally needed is to substitute the international for the strictly national mind in foreign affairs. This does not mean that France is to be denied the security which has been the mainspring of her policy since the Armistice was signed. Not for a moment. Simply it means that her methods of obtaining this security shall be less disruptive. Everybody concedes her right to security; everybody agrees that the horror of the devastated regions shall not be repeated. This has been Britain's attitude all along, but M. Poincare chose, to consider France as isolated, for his repeated professions of loyalty to the Entente could mean little when he was planning blindly selfish measures like the Ruhr invasion. What M. Poincare could not grasp was that in these days of refined warfare no single nation can depend upon its own unaided efforts for absolute security; cannot indeed count itself safe for all the Polish, Little Entente and other defensive alliances. The world has passed

that stage. War is no longer medieval nor are the safeguards against it medieval. International co-operation is now our only hope from another 1914 disaster—another 1914 disaster, because economic conditions now make it impossible for any of the larger nations to be involved in a war without dragging in the others. Therefore it can be seen that although M. Poincare's rabidly nationalist policy applied only to reparations it had implications of even graver moment. Not only was it setting an example which smaller States like Poland were only too eager to follow, but it was actually checking the spread of the international idea in Europe, keeping alive the old jealousies and impairing the success of the League of Nations. France's new Premier, M. Herriot, is a man of a different stamp. He firmly believes in the consolidation of peace by international agreement; the extension of the part played by the League of Nations, the International Labour Office, and the Court of International Justice; the restoration of normal relations with Russia; the unreserved acceptance of the experts' report and the solution of the security problem by guaranteeing peace under the aegis of the League of Nations. These are ambitious aims, but there is no real reason why they should not all be achieved, with Britain only too anxious to see them fulfilled. And once they are achieved, then will the passions, the alarms, and the dangers of the armed peace have become nothing more than a nightmare.

When Opinions Conflict.

To use the words of Mr. Leo D'Almeida in the Police Court yesterday, the case of the "Tai Lee," taken under the Piracy Prevention Ordinance, is of extreme importance to all owners of ships plying in local waters. For the moment we are not concerned with the Magistrate's finding which, subject to appeal, means that the owners' bond of \$5,000 will be forfeited. There is one aspect which did not come before the Court but which is commonly known to apply on board river vessels, particularly those operated by what is known as the "outside companies." It is idle to gainsay the fact that on a good many of the ships, the master is little more than a figurehead and the officers are borne on the list merely to comply with passenger and other regulations. Instances have come to light of mercantile marine officers insisting on carrying out in full the duties usually associated with their position. But the result in nearly every case has been antagonism with the owners, or their representative in the person of the commodore. As far as is known, the deck officers have obstacles put in their way when they, in the discharge of their duties, fail to see eye to eye with the commodore or the charterer. Certainly there is a great deal of give and take but until owners realise that the men trained in the profession are the only ones capable of running a ship, the present anomalous conditions will continue.

South African Politics.

The political situation in South Africa which developed as the result of the defeat of the Government candidate in a by-election for Wakkerstroom, and its sequel, the decision of the Premier to advise a dissolution of Parliament, is of Imperial interest. It raises albeit indirectly the grave question of Separation. General Smuts, who still had a majority of six in the Legislative Assembly, might easily have carried on. He felt, however, that a mere parliamentary majority was not enough when his Government was dealing with questions of policy which only a Government that enjoyed the confidence of the country should undertake. These policies, as we know, included matters which affected the Union's relations with India, and were, therefore, of Imperial concern. The Wakkerstroom election raised doubts in the mind of the Prime Minister as to whether his Government did enjoy that confidence, and with a high sense of constitutional propriety that has cost him his seat, he desired to give the country an opportunity to declare itself. The decision taken, as might have been expected in the circumstances, created a sensation throughout South Africa. The

mere possibility of a Nationalist-Labour Government succeeding to office created wide alarm, especially in financial circles. Although assurances were given by the Nationalist leaders that a vote in their favour would not be used for any purpose for which they were not given a mandate, these were received with misgivings. Wide apprehension was also felt that a change of Government would mean crushing taxation, especially of the mining industry, on which the prosperity of the country very largely depends and which is in a less flourishing condition than at any period in its history. However it does not seem that the heroic course which General Smuts adopted will appeal to the chivalry of the country as to ensure for him that vote of confidence without which his Government felt it could not proceed, for today's cables indicate that the Ministerialists are not faring too well in the elections.

Of particular interest to those who have been watching the progress toward general acceptance of the Einstein theory was the statement made by Dr. Charles E. St. John, the noted solar physicist of the Mt. Wilson Observatory staff at Pasadena, California, concerning his spectroscopic investigations during the last few months and their relation to the third "prediction" of Professor Einstein. "This 'third effect' predicted by the Einstein theory," he declared recently, "the gravitational displacement of solar spectrum lines and its proof or disproof, has been the centre of great interest, because among the mathematical physicists whose opinions carry great weight there has not been complete agreement. Einstein says the theory stands or falls according to the displacement of spectral lines; these latest results, which I have been able to obtain at Mt. Wilson, show that it does exist in the amount predicted by him."

The meretricious Trotsky has been credited with a conceived notion that he is a second Napoleon, and is only waiting for the moment when he can proclaim himself Emperor. Anyhow he is anticipating the November revolution. The Daily Mail Moscow correspondent says Trotsky has put aside his Jewish wife, who is a frenzied and loquacious revolutionist, and replaced her by a plump young Russian Christian, Natalia Ivanovna. Natalia knows nothing about politics, and isn't a Bolshevik. She is the daughter of a Czarist general, and has great personal beauty. She dresses well, and her hats are the despair even of the wives of foreign diplomats. Probably Trotsky, alias Bronstein, not weary of Rebecca's revolutionary tirades, and there may be some excuse for him.

ONE VIEW.

E. W. Macbride's studied opinion: "It is a remarkable fact that every civilisation so far investigated seems to have owed its stability to a ruling, conquering race which imposed law and order on an inferior one, and every civilisation perished when its ruling race died. Those that persisted longest were revived by successive conquests by races akin to those who imposed the original order." The Professor adds: "The present Labour-Socialist policy of encouraging the unchecked propagation of the unselected proletariat, and of endeavouring to keep all their progeny alive, at the expense of the competent minority, is so far as biology teaches, the shortest road to social suicide that can be imagined."

NOUVEAU RICHE.

The other day one of the "New Rich" took it into his head to visit some of the places of historic interest in England. He motored into the country with a friend. As they were passing through the village of Chalfont St. Giles the friend said: "Here is something you ought to see—Milton's cottage. They went inside and were shown various relics. And to think that it was here that he wrote his poems," observed the friend. "What?" said the other. "I never knew he wrote poems!" "My dear fellow, you don't mean to tell me you've never heard of Paradise Lost? If you've heard of Milton, you must have heard of that," said the "nouveau riche," walking back to his new car, "I thought you said Lipton."

No business of public interest was transacted at the meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday. Those who attended were Mr. L. Smith (Chairman), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Greary (Director of Public Works), the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, and the Secretary of the Board (Mr. G. Kennedy Skipton).

To-day's Poem.

When I was one-and-twenty
I heard a wise man say,
"Give crowns and pounds and guineas
But not your heart away;
Give pearls away and rubies
But keep your fancy free."
But I was one-and-twenty,
No use to talk to me.

When I was one-and-twenty
I heard him say again,
"The heart out of the bosom
Was never given in vain;
'Tis paid with sighs a plenty
And sold for endless rue"
And oh, 'tis true 'tis true,
—A. E. Housman.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

JUNE 18.

1845. You let flowers be sent you
in a letter, every one knows,
and this hot day draws out
our very first yellow rose.
—Robt. Browning.

DIVERSION.

Much diversion is to be got out of these times if you look very hard for it, and are indifferent which side of your mouth you laugh with.
—J. M. Barrie.

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In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

June 18.—Coronet Theatre; Constance Talmadge in "The Primitive Lover."
June 18.—The Star Theatre; Norma Talmadge in "The Wonderful Thing."
June 18.—World Theatre; "Brass."
June 18.—Queen's Theatre; Mae Marsh in "Nobody's Kid."
June 19.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, household furniture, 11 a.m.
June 20.—Lammert Bros., at Catchick Street, Macdonald, 11 a.m.
June 20.—Lammert Bros., at "Kellet Lodge," 184, The Peak, household furniture, etc., 2.45 p.m.
June 21.—Extraordinary general meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.
July 7.—Further extraordinary meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, 11.30 a.m.
September 16.—Extraordinary general meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, noon.
October 3.—Second meeting of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.
October 20.—Third meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.
OTHER MEETINGS.
June 18.—Lecture on "Moods and their Control," at the Hongkong Lodge, The "Theosophical Society," 16 Queen's Road, Central, 6.45 p.m.
June 23.—Annual general meeting of the Peak Club at the Club, 6.30 p.m., and extraordinary general meeting immediately after.
July 14.—Further extraordinary meeting of the Peak Club, 6.30 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

This evening at dusk the Inspecting Ordnance officer will fire seven rockets and some one-inch signal cartridges for proof purposes at Stonecutter's Island.

San Francisco, June 17.—In a decision revoking the certificate of citizenship granted to A. K. Mozumdar, a high caste Punjabi, who was admitted to citizenship in 1913, the Federal Circuit Courts of Appeal have ruled that existing immigration restrictions applied to Indians of both high and low caste.
—Reuter's American Service.

At to-day's show at the World Theatre a special Hongkong topical film will be given in addition to the usual programme. The film will include pictures of the Dragon Boat Race, the annual inspection of Police by H. E. the Governor and the unveiling of the photo of the late Governor Sir R. G. Macdonnell at the Tung Wah Hospital. The film was produced by the China Sun Motion Picture Co.

ALLEGED BRIBERY.

HAPPENINGS AT CHINESE FESTIVAL.

POLICE CONSTABLE CHARGED.

An interesting case, at the Criminal Sessions this morning was that concerning happenings at the "little" village of Sung Shan Wan on Hai Island during the holding of the annual festival outside the temple. The spot is at a remote part of the New Territories.
As a result of the happenings at the festival a Wei-hai-wei constable was charged this morning with accepting a bribe in his capacity of public servant, the evidence of the Crown being that gambling had been going on during the festival and that the constable told the people that if they gave him \$30 they would hear nothing more. It was alleged that the hat had been sent round and that defendant had accepted the money.

Mr. J. H. B. Nihil, for the Crown, said that there were a number of cynical people who said that no police force in the world was entirely free from what was called "graft." That might be so but where British law reigned the authorities were ever on the alert to check this illegal practice and wherever a public servant was found guilty he was punished severely.

On the occasion of this festival (April 25) a considerable crowd had met outside the temple and were gambling. Prisoners had no orders to go over to the island but he was on his holidays and had probably gone over to the island knowing that there would be gambling going on.
It was not until Mr. that the matter had been brought to the notice of the Inspector in charge of the Sai Kung Police station, three hours' journey away by sailing boat, when it was he caused a parade of the police to be made and prisoner was picked out by two men who were at the festival. (Case proceeding.)

CEYLON'S TRADE.

EXCELLENT COMPENDIUM OF INFORMATION.

A book which should be of use to those of our readers engaged in commerce is Ferguson's Ceylon Directory, published at the price of Rs.15/- plus postage.
Particularly interesting are the statistics with regard to Ceylon's imports and exports, their value and distribution and particulars as to the Customs tariff and the prohibitions and restrictions, imports and exports. A table is given of the port dues on ships entering the Harbour, the Harbour dues payable on imports and exports and general advice as to the trans shipping of goods.
A General Mercantile and Trade List gives an alphabetical list of Colombo merchants and agents which has been corrected up to April 1924. In this are given the firms and addresses, the partners and assistants and the principal correspondents and agencies. Another list gives the paid up capital and reserve and extent operated of the mercantile and Planting Companies.
The Estate Directory of this excellent compendium of information gives an alphabetical list of the sixty-one different planting districts and a list showing the owners, and general information as to the principal residents, public servants and professional classes, is given in the directory of addresses at the end.

TAXI-CAB ACCIDENTS.

DRIVER DISAPPEARS IMMEDIATELY.

Two accidents in which taxi-cabs knocked down and injured pedestrians were reported to the Police yesterday.
In the first case a coolie living in a Pokfulam matshed was knocked down in Wong-Nei-Chong Road by taxi-cab No. 970. Before he could be identified, the driver dashed off in the cab. The victim was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.
In the second accident another coolie of No. 9, Stone Nullah Lane was knocked down by taxi-cab No. 966 in the Praya East, opposite the fire station. He was also taken to hospital.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

HONGKONG MERCHANTS' GENEROSITY.

A huge building, semi-foreign style, is nearing completion. Thanks to the munificence of Mr. Fung Ping-shan, one of the best known of Hongkong Chinese merchants, says our Kowloon correspondent, this building is to be fitted up as a public library for the district of San Wai. Those interested in the project say that Mr. Fung is spending over \$100,000 on the scheme for the education of his fellow-natives.

PIRATE HORDES.

DANGERS MERCHANTS' FACE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PAKAI, KONGMOON, June 17. Canton is only thirty miles from Kongmoon but it is estimated by those whose business makes it imperative for them to be on their guard against pirates, that there are eleven pirate launches in these waters. Apparently, there are fourteen gangs of pirates and a report is current that the fourteen leaders are combining to black-mail each towed passenger-ferry in the sum of \$2,000 for non-molestation.

INTERRUPTED.

DES VOEUX ROAD TEA PARTY SIGNAL.

POSSESSION OF DAGGERS.

A meeting at a Chinese tea-house in Des Voeux Road West led to the appearance at the Criminal Sessions this morning of six Chinese charged with being in unlawful possession of four daggers on May 18.
Three pleaded guilty and three not guilty.

Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, Crown Solicitor, said that Inspector Appleton, and a party of watchmen, were keeping the house under observation and saw the prisoners enter a room. They waited for a time, entered the room and arrested everyone there. Daggers were found on the floor on the floor and the fourth lay just behind the fourth prisoner.
As the result of a search at the Central Police Station it was found that the first prisoner had lengths of string tied round his waist. All the others had similar lengths of string which it was to be assumed, said Mr. Hazlerigg, were for the purpose of binding victims.

After evidence to this effect had been given the jury returned a verdict of guilty in the case of five of the prisoners and not guilty in the case of the sixth. This man entered the room just before the police officers.
The convicted men were each sentenced to five years' hard labour.

POLITICS BARRED.

CHINESE CHAMBER'S NEWSPAPER.

There was little of interest to the public at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce held yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin raised the question of incorporating the accounts of the Chinese Commercial News (the Chamber's organ) in the general accounts which included a loan of \$17,000 to the paper and a further advance of \$2,000.

Mr. Li Po-kwai, the chairman, explained that the paper was organised and controlled by the Chamber and a sub-committee had been appointed to look after it.

To this Mr. Wong replied by asking who assumed responsibility for the publication. Further discussion followed and Mr. Chan Harr suggested that a limited company be formed to run the journal. Mr. Ho Kwong (vice-chairman) proposed that the paper be an exclusively commercial publication as impressions of the Chamber might be formed if political views were expressed in the paper. Other members pointed out that exclusion of matters of topical interest would reduce the journal's appeal but it was generally agreed that partisanship be rigidly excluded.

A sub-committee comprising Messrs. Li Po-kwai, Wong Kwong-tin, Li Yiu-tong, Chan Harr and Li Yik-mai was appointed to go into the question.

PIRATES' GUNS.

STOLEN FROM SHIPS BUT RECOVERED.

Three revolvers said to have been taken from pirates during a raid made upon them by Chinese troops at Nin Shan, Tam Shui, were handed over to the Hongkong Police yesterday by a representative of Commander Lau Fook-chi, leader of the troops who attacked the pirates' stronghold.

The three guns bear stamps and numbers similar to those marked in arms for which licences are issued by the Police. Reference to the arms register at the Central Police Station shows that two of the revolvers formerly belonged to the s.s. "Hydrangea" and were stolen from the ship when the vessel was pirated. The other one issued to the s.s. "Bai Yik" which ran between Hongkong and Shanghai and was also stolen by pirates when the ship was pirated in 1922.

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"SULTAN"	6,366	9th July	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"KARMA"	6,086	12th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,841	16th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"JEYPORE"	5,318	28th July	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"DEVANHA"	6,082	9th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SICILIA"	6,813	22nd Aug.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"MANTUA"	10,919	23rd Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"NAGAYA"	6,854	30th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SALDINA"	6,884	4th Sept.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	6,118	4th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KANSAR-BIND"	11,420	20th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,862	4th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MORRA"	10,611	18th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,840	1st Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,841	18th Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TAMPA"	10,000	24th June	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TANJA"	6,072	9th July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TANJA"	6,072	14th July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TANJA"	6,072	9th Aug.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ARAFURA"	6,000	2nd July	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
"EASTERN"	4,000	30th July	Island, Townsville, Brisbane,
"EASTERN"	4,000	27th Aug.	Sydney & Melbourne.

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"TANJA"	6,072	25th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,841	26th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	30th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	6th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	6,082	11th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,040	21st July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,919	25th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,813	26th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NAGAYA"	6,854	1st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"EASTERN"	4,000	2nd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SALDINA"	6,884	6th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KALYAN"	6,118	8th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KANSAR-BIND"	11,420	22nd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,862	6th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MORRA"	10,611	15th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	3rd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,841	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMA"	6,086	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"EASTERN"	4,000	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,919	15th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"RHIVA"	6,007	22nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	6th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MACDONIA"	11,000	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.

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"O. LOPEZ Y LOPEZ"	6,000	20th October	Manila, Suez, Port Said, Barcelona
"ISLA DE PANAY"	6,000	1st December	Manila, Suez, Port Said, Barcelona
"ISLA DE PANAY"	6,000	27th June	Manila, Suez, Port Said, Barcelona
"LEOZAP"	6,000	18th August	Manila, Suez, Port Said, Barcelona
"O. LOPEZ Y LOPEZ"	6,000	13th October	Manila, Suez, Port Said, Barcelona
"ISLA DE PANAY"	6,000	3rd December	Manila, Suez, Port Said, Barcelona

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In a letter to Mr. Alfred Lugg, of the Actors' Association, Mr. Percy Hutchinson, the actor, tenders his resignation as "he can no longer support the organisation, of which he has been a member for twenty-five years, now that it is registered as a trade union."

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Kobe via MOI	LATSANG	Wed. 19th June, 7 a.m.
BANGKOK via HOIHOW	CHUNSHANG	Sat. 21st June, 10 a.m.
TRINIDAD	CHONGSHING	Sat. 21st June, 10 a.m.
MANILA via AMOY	CHUNSHANG	Sat. 21st June, 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	CHUNSHANG	Sat. 21st June, 7 a.m.
BANGKOK via SWATOW	LOKSANG	Sun. 22nd June, 7 a.m.
TRINIDAD via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	HOFSANG	Sun. 24th June, 7 a.m.
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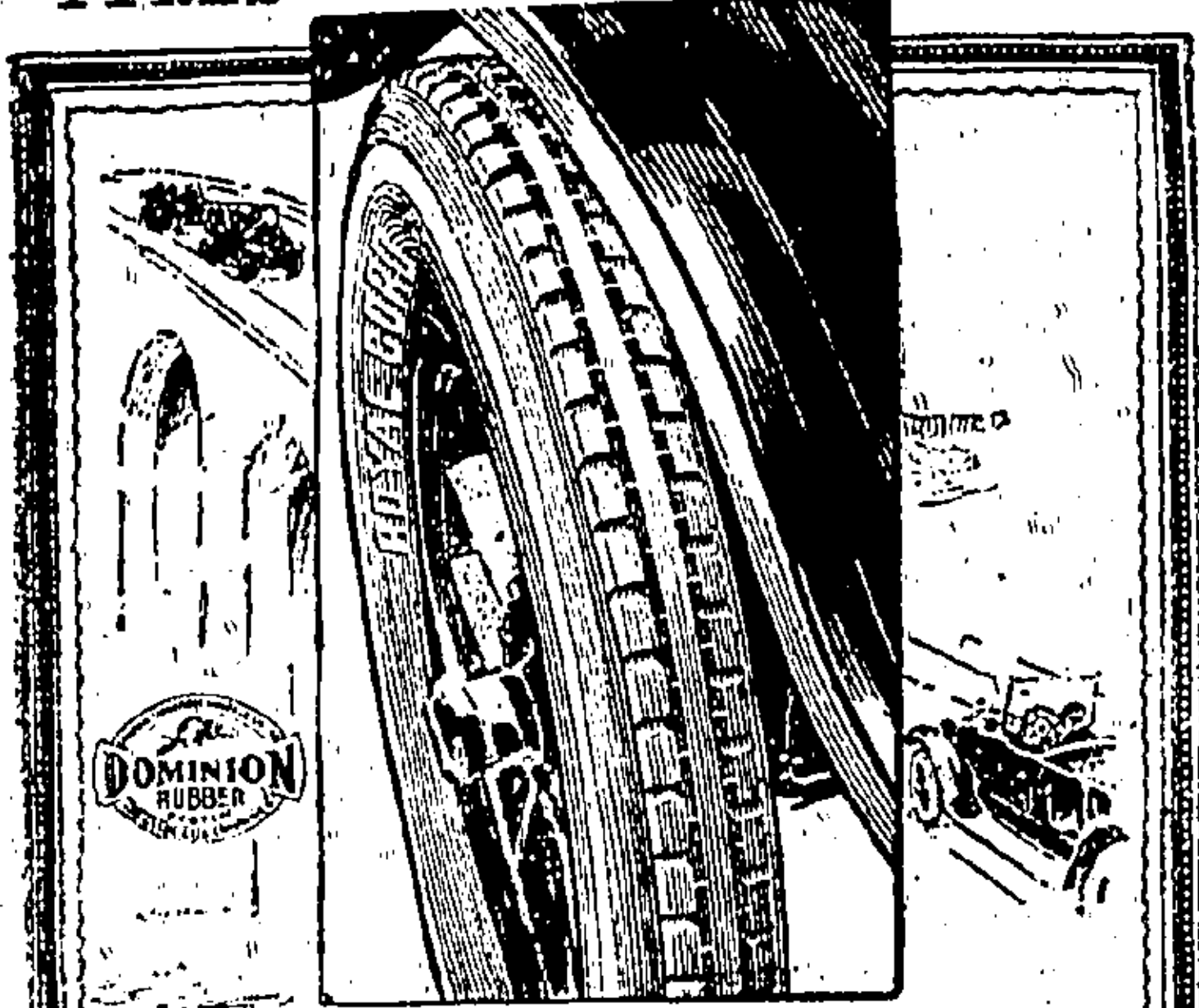
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ROME, June 17. Premier Mussolini is evidently determined to purify the administration from the stains and scandals revealed by the Matteotti affair. Apart from closing the Chamber and the appointment of a temporary Fascist Directory, it is reported that holders of the celebrated Annunziata Order were summoned to see the King, for the purpose of forming a "great concentration ministry," including besides Premier Mussolini, the ex-Premiers Giolitti and Orlando. Premier Mussolini has taken up the duties of Minister for the Colonies, having appointed Sig. Federzoni Minister of the Interior in succession to Sig. Finzi, who resigned in order to defend himself against the charge of complicity in the kidnapping of Sig. Matteotti. It is noteworthy that the *Corriere Italiano*, of which Sig. Filippelli was the editor was Sig. Finzi's organ. Sig. Moncada, Prefect of Trieste has been appointed Director-General of public safety. Three judges have been appointed to investigate the Matteotti affair. Premier Mussolini has told the Cabinet that the search for those implicated in the kidnapping is ruthlessly proceeding.

Filippelli Arrested.

ROME, June 17. Sig. Filippelli has been arrested at Genoa. Filippelli's chauffeur Colini, who brought the car which was used to kidnap Sig. Matteotti, has told the Cabinet that the police surrendered himself to the police.—*Reuter*.

"COW-BOY" SCENES.

NOT A CINEMA "STUNT."

Scenes which might have been taken as a setting for a cinema "stunt" had it not been for the genuine fight on the faces of most of the participants were witnessed in the Wanchai district yesterday when a young bull broke from its lead and ran amok among the shops. Eventually it was lassoed in proper cowboy fashion at the corner of Arsenal Street and secured to a lamp-post. Upon its making frantic struggles which it seemed doubtful if the rope would withstand a message was sent to the police and the beast was shot.

OBITUARY.**MR. PETER SHAW.**

It is the sad duty of the *China Mail* to record the death after a six weeks' illness of Mr. Peter Shaw an assistant at the Building Ordinance Office, P.W.D. Mr. Shaw passed away at the Government Civil Hospital at eight o'clock last night. The late Mr. Shaw was 24 years of age; a native of Dennistown, Glasgow. During the war, he served in France with the Royal Air Force. He was the Secretary of the Committee of Management of the Union Church in Kowloon and a member of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, of which he was an enthusiastic tennis player. Much sympathy will be extended to his parents, who reside in Scotland.

The funeral takes place this afternoon, the cortege passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

JAPANESE SCOUTS.**WELCOMED TO HONGKONG'S "HUNTING GROUND."**

On the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel yesterday twenty-nine Japanese Scouts were entertained to tea by the Hongkong Boy Scouts Association. They arrived in the Colony by the s.s. "Hakone Maru" and are on their way to the Scouts International Jamboree at Copenhagen.

Mr. C. Champkin, Acting Commissioner, in an apt address of welcome said the Hongkong Scouts were pleased to welcome their brother Scouts to the happy hunting ground of Hongkong. The Scout movement in Japan was in its infancy and it was well for them to go to the old hunters of the West to learn their secrets. He wished them a pleasant voyage and hoped that on their return visit they would make a longer stay.

ROTOR**TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS****PUBLIC AUCTION**

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on **SATURDAY, 21st June, 1924, at 11 o'clock a.m.** at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.
543 lbs. Jobbing Type
4 Cases Wood Type
35 Tins Cooking Compound Lard
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By Order of the Committee,
A. NISSIM,
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EMBASSY AT MOSCOW.

RUSSIAN SOVIET'S SUGGESTION.

PEKING, June 16. M. Karakhan, in a Note inviting China to establish an Embassy at Moscow, which was forwarded to the Waichiao on Saturday, classes the Tsarist Government with the other Powers hitherto looking on China as a party not enjoying full rights, and one which could be coerced into signing humiliating treaties preventing the development of this country.

The Note goes on: "China, a country with over 400,000,000 inhabitants, is a country destined to play the greatest role in mankind's development. Her present position does not give others the right to consider China as being unworthy of taking her place as a first-class Power."

The Note afterwards explains the attitude of the Soviet Government towards Asiatic States.

Incidentally, the Soviet representatives everywhere are called Ambassadors, and it is suggested that the establishment of Embassies at Peking and Moscow would entail any alteration in the usual rank of the Soviet representative.

The Waichiao has not yet decided what China's attitude will be as regards this invitation.—By Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

CHINESE DIPLOMACY.

PEKING, June 17. The Waichiao yesterday afternoon replied to the Japanese Note saying that before the signature of the Sino-Russian Agreement Chinese Government had obligations and responsibilities.

Prizes of £5 a year are provided for boys and girls who best recite his life or write the best short essay on his life, his public letters, and circulars.

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RITIFICATION.

LATER.

A Chibing Mandate, dated June 16 published in this morning's official Gazette, ratifies the Sino-Russian Agreement in accordance with a memorial from Dr. Wellington Koo.

The mandate briefly recapitulates the documents in the Agreement, orders the affixing of the State seal, counter-signature by the Waichiao, and the formal exchange of agreements between the Waichiao and the representatives of the Soviet.—By Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

CUMMINS INCIDENT.

MEXICO CITY, June 17. The Foreign Office states that it has decided to wait a short time as a result of the Chilean Minister's unbecoming efforts on behalf of the British Government in connection with the order that Mr. Cummins should leave, but failing Mr. Cummins' departure after a prudent period, the order for his deportation would be enforced.—By Courtesy American Service.

"NOBODY'S KID."

MAE MARSH FEATURE AT QUEEN'S.

Mae Marsh, the whimsical and petite, is the star in "Nobody's Kid," the attraction at the Queen's Theatre till to-morrow. The story is that of a little orphan girl who incurs the displeasure of the guardians of her asylum. Sympathetic individuals interest themselves on behalf of this orphan-heroin and she ultimately goes forth into the world where one of her missions is to be peace-maker to the troubled hearts of her uncle and a former benefactor.

In the part of Mary Cary, the girl who gets into all sorts of scrapes but gets out of them without difficulty, Miss Marsh verges between light comedy and pathos, making full use of her fine histrionic ability.

Lumbago.

This is a condition of the muscles of the back. It comes on suddenly and is very painful. Every movement aggravates the disease. Go to bed, keep quiet and apply Chamberlain's Pain Balm and a quick recovery may be expected.—Sold everywhere.

QUAINT WILL.

AUTHOR OF HIS OWN EPITAPH.

One man's epitaph—according to his will instructions. Written by himself:

"Here lies the remains of G. L. Norris, who lived and died the happiest man on earth, who was always busy doing good and trying to do good advising and helping those in trouble."

"G. L. Norris never knew" his advice to go wrong."

The quaint will of Penarth's quaintest man, Mr. George Lewis Norris, who made himself famous throughout South Wales by his habit of "rubbing everybody the wrong way," may be termed a "surprising" document, but it has come as no surprise to the townspeople of Penarth.

They have known all about it since one day in 1918, when Mr. Norris himself read his will to the public in Alexandra Park—the local recreation ground.

Mr. Norris was a retired brewer's manager. He died at the age of 60, following a paralytic seizure which came on after his return home from a political meeting during the general election.

His will has been proved at £14,000.

REQUESTS TO FUGITIVES.

Mr. Norris was a champion boxer, and at the last political meeting he attended he had prepared a list of no fewer than 40 questions, which he proceeded to fire at one of the candidates—until he was howled down.

In a large string of bequests to local organizations he has remembered the Penarth cricket and football clubs, allotment holders, night workers, schoolchildren, widows, and members of the urban district council, in whose side he was for many years a very prickly thorn.

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After the distribution the Council are to have coffee and light refreshments at a cost not exceeding £12. Each councillor will be allowed to invite one friend. Each minister and superintendent of Sunday schools is to be invited, with cigars and cigarettes. No favours to be shown to any school.

Another clause in the will directs that a tombstone shall be erected with the inscription already quoted.

POLITICS—AND CAKE.

About ten years ago Mr. Norris created sensation by contesting all four wards of the town for a seat on the urban district council. He was elected for three and decided to sit for one. Then he was unseated on petition for distributing cake to children.

One of the things that raised Mr. Norris' wrath was the price of bread. To "prove," as he said, that local bakers were charging more than they should, he bought a baker's business.

He sold bread and confectionery at prices considerably under those of other tradesmen. Then he left the business.

That people should grow their own vegetables was an obsession with Mr. Norris.

"I would punish," he said in his will, "all persons who in future buy German horse-radish or Spanish onions, as there is no necessity."

I would double punish all members of the Government who in future allow these vegetables to come into the country."

He directed that a copy of his will should be kept in the school-room "so that the boys and girls may know to what they are entitled in the way of bank-book prizes."

A framed enlarged photograph of himself is to be hung up beside it.

At Messines the King of the Belgians unveiled a memorial to the London Scottish who fell in the Great War. His Majesty, who travelled to Messines by air, was welcomed by Field-Marshal Earl Haig, hon. colonel of the London Scottish, and a number of officers of the regiment.

Roughly 75 per cent. of those entitled to vote recorded their votes in the German General Elections, and to date 448 of the 462 members have been elected. The state of the parties, together with the names of the most prominent candidates, will be found in another column.

SAINT PATRICK.

ANCIENT ORDER TO BE ABOLISHED?

SOME SUGGESTIONS.

The death of the Earl of Enniskillen has once more brought into prominence the future of the Order of St. Patrick, of which he had been a knight since 1902, and it is anticipated that some official announcement on this subject will shortly be forthcoming.

When Ireland was granted a measure of self-government the insignia of this Order, founded in 1783 by George III., were transferred from Dublin Castle to London, and at that time it was currently reported that the King had decided to make no further appointments, and that the Order would thus be allowed to lapse as the present knights died, as was the case some years ago with the now obsolete Order of Victoria and Albert.

In this connection it is believed to be significant that the Prince of Wales has not been created a Knight of St. Patrick, though he wears the ribands of the sister Orders of the Garter and the Thistle. The only Royal Knight of St. Patrick at the present day is the Duke of Connaught, upon whom the Order was bestowed by Queen Victoria in 1869. There are now only twenty of these knights, as against the twenty-two provided for in the Statutes by which the Order is governed.

Another suggestion regarding the future of the Order, which it is understood has already been brought under the consideration of the King, is that it should be reconstituted on lines similar to those of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, which is the decoration usually awarded to those who have rendered distinguished service in various parts of the Overseas Empire, with the exception of India.

This would mean that the Order of St. Patrick would be divided into various classes, and would be available for commoners instead of for peers alone, and for those of non-Irish birth or descent who had rendered good service in the sister isle.

An impressive religious service was observed at one time upon the formal investiture of a knight. This service was, however, abolished with the disestablishment of the Church in Ireland, when the office of Great and Registrar of the Order, and the role that the Chancellor of the Order of St. Patrick must be an archbishop, were also abolished.

Commerce and Finance.

HOME TRADE.

Messrs. Morrean and Spiegelberg, Manchester, write as follows in their Market Report dated May 14:

Cotton—American shows a gain of about 2d and Egyptian a loss of a similar amount on the week.

Yarns—Egyptian yarns are firm and small advances are registered. American yarns are, however, decidedly weak.

Cloth—The amount of business done during the week scarcely justifies mention. Consuming markets have their eyes on the cotton crop, and are apparently prepared to wait a while to see what happens. Such fluctuations as occur in the price of the raw material are based almost entirely on the weather reports from the cotton belt.

Almost all bids from overseas are far below Manchester rates. On wonders if they are made in the hope of purchasing, or for the purpose of "seeing" just how far Manchester will come down.

We enclose an extract from the Board of Trade returns of Exports for April. Both yarns and Piece goods show considerable increases over last year. British India, China, the Dutch East Indies and Siam have increased their takings of piece goods, but Ceylon and the Straits Settlements are behind their totals for April 1923.

The increases in shipments to the Continent of Europe are remarkable, but the results of the elections in France and Germany have put a stop to the tide for the time being. French France are again over 80 and are being "talked off" at over the 100 line, with the result that trade with France and her Colonies is stopped for the time being.

Estimates of the acreage under cotton report an increase of about 4% or 5% over last year. As the output of the crop depends entirely on the weather and the boll weevil, the cotton market is unable to form any definite opinion of crop prospects.

In the first match of their English tour the South African cricket team made good progress against Gloucestershire. Parkin, playing for Lancashire against Derbyshire, took eight wickets for 20 runs.

LUNACY STORIES.

BORDERLAND PUZZLES FOR DOCTORS.

Some of the difficulties, the tragedies, and the comedies which a doctor in lunacy meets in his path were described by Dr. C. H. Griffin, at the London College of Physicians.

"The borderland cases which float between sanity and insanity are extraordinarily difficult," he said. He recalled a case where he had personally attended a patient who was sane. Two other doctors, pleaded with him, and the patient was released. He immediately suggested a little luncheon at the Reform Club. In the cloak room Dr. Griffin heard a curious, ticking noise coming from his client's hat.

"Oh!" he said, when asked about it, "That's a little device of mine. It's a clockwork fan to keep my head cool!" He then pulled up his trousers-leg and showed that he was wearing four suits of underwear, although it was a broiling summer's day. "I look after myself, you know," he said.

When he began his lunch with a cup of coffee, worked backwards through the menu, and finished up with six oysters, Dr. Griffin began to feel the change he had received for his services "tuning in his pocket."

"He was back in the asylum in three months," said Dr. Griffin. Another puzzling case was that of a musical artist, suffering from cirrhosis of the liver, consumption, disease of the kidneys, and general paralysis of the insane.

"I admitted him and gave him not more than a fortnight to live," said Dr. Griffin. "Three months later he returned from a trip to America, and went to the Oxford Music Hall one evening. My patient was top of the bill!"

What may have been a tragedy was recounted by Mr. E. M. Leon, the secretary of the college. A man was admitted in 1879, and confined in an asylum, because he was "sundering thousands of pounds in experiments by which he claimed to be able to communicate with another man 20 miles away by means of electricity and without wires."

"Had that man Marconi's secret?" asked Mr. Leon.

GHOSTLY TRAGEDY.

AGONISING DEATH IN A BOILER.

Calcutta, June 2. A ghastly tragedy resulting in the death of 18 men occurred in the Birla Cotton Mills at Delhi recently.

Seventeen factory workers entered a boiler to clean it for inspection, while an adjoining boiler was kept working. Suddenly a steam pipe burst and fell against the boiler in which the men were working, and a fearful outflow of steam rushed in through the opening by which the men had entered. Before the steam could be cut off or relief arrived all 17 men were mangled and scalded corpses, and could hardly be identified.

The Jemadar supervising the work outside the boiler was also so badly scalded that he died soon after admission to hospital.

CONVICT AS REFEREE.

FOOTBALL MATCHES IN SCOTTISH PRISON.

Remarkable reforms have been carried out in the Scottish convict prison at Peterhead by Major Baird, D.S.O., the new governor. The convicts have been graded in rank similar to non-commissioned officers in the army. They wear the distinguishing stripes of their rank, move freely about the prison buildings, take orders from their superior convict officers, and see that these orders are carried out by the convicts under their charge. They also report breaches of discipline to the wardens.

Among educational evening classes, at which the subjects include French, Spanish and engineering. There are also classes for physical culture and singing. All the teachers are convicts. Concerts are run by the convicts.

Provision has also been made for recreational games, and of these the most popular is football, which is played in the recreation yard, with one of the convict officers as referee.

Teams representative of various departments in the prison have been formed, and competition between them is remarkably keen. Each team has its followers who watch the matches with as much enthusiasm as ordinary spectators at a cup tie.

WEATHER REPORT.

June 18d, 11h. 45m.—Pressure has increased slightly at Chefoo, Shanghai, Pootung and Yapt; it has decreased slightly at moderately elsewhere. A weak anticyclonic area is situated over the Eastern Sea, S. W. China and the Visayas.

N. B. The following was received by radio at 11h. 5m. 18th 6 a.m. Low pressure area little important at present over northern Visayas and south Luzon Manila Observatory.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.15 inch. Total since January 1st 37.53 inches, against an average of 35.57 inches.

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CHINESE SONGS.

GOOD BOOK OF EMPEROR K'ANG HSI.

Chinese literature is rich in folk-songs, legends, and lore, racy of the soil. Confucius, in the fifth century B.C., edited a collection of them, and gave China the famous Books of Odes, of Rites, of Oracles and of History, writes Sir Leo Chiozza Money. With these, and the philosopher's own great ethical works, any subject of Cathay can learn how with Confucius himself to "pass through life like a courteous gentleman." And that many thus learned and learn we need not doubt, for any business man of the Far East will tell you that to the Chinese merchant his word is his bond.

LORE OF CHINESE AGRICULTURE.

The Chinese live by their agriculture, and every foot of their soil is made fruitful by an intensive cultivation which goes as far as the transplantation of wheat and rice seedlings. From very early times, the lore of Chinese agriculture has been preserved in poetic forms. The International Agricultural Institute at Rome recently received from the Chinese President a copy of the album published in the 17th century by the Emperor K'ang Hsi, which is devoted to tillage and silk-culture. It is a sumptuous volume, upon which a good and great king lavished all his care. The Bulletin of the Rome Institute gives us some rough translations of the poems by Guido Peris, which I have endeavoured to convert into forms resembling the rhymed originals.

AN ENLIGHTENED EMPEROR.

K'ang Hsi based his work on a book of the 12th century, which in turn was a collection of ancient folk-songs and descriptions of immemorial customs. The manner of man China possessed in this enlightened Emperor may be gathered from his own words taken from the preface to the volume:

Morning and night my thoughts turn to the state of the Empire, and my heart is full of anxiety for the future. When I consider the foundations on which rest the life of my people, food and clothing appear to be the most important of all. At all periods in the past, these subjects have been handled to the sound of the flute and the accompaniment of the harmonies of stringed instruments, as well as discussed in laws and edicts.

It has been for me a true pleasure to seek and to obtain exact information on all such matters. Moreover, I have built the pavilion called "The Knowledge of Agriculture" and the "Kiosk of the Autumn Cloud" to be able to observe all the processes in detail.

It was a saying amongst our ancient: "Let him who is clothed in silk think of the cold from which the weaver woman has suffered; let him who eats the loaf remember the weary labours of the peasant."

Therefore, he goes on to explain, he has written poems about the work, and had pictures of industry engraved, that men should remember the dignity and worth of toil, and that throughout the Empire each man should "take a pride in his own work."

These good words, and the Imperial and other poems, are in the volumes treasured at Rome, bound in covers of richly-adornd silk, clad in ivory. The pictures are dry-points of beautiful execution. I have often wondered why our modern poets have not found a larger inspiration in the processes, the dangers, the fatigues of industry. Is it because so much of our work has become ugly? If that is the true explanation, is it not time that poetry did something to retrieve beauty in work? Labour has become sullen; who will make it glad?

The close cultivation necessary in China is illustrated in a picture which shows the picking out of rice seedlings, and is described in the following lines:

PRICKING OUT THE SEEDLINGS.

Now bounteous May brings welcome rain. At drawn to bathe the thirsty soil; Acacias rustle as the wind Sweeps from the South to bless the toil. The country folk with jest and song,

Prick out the green and sprouting corn, Bent o'er the earth, they never cease To work and sing for life new-born.

A tool of wood I give, that they May lighten toil and bless the day. A tool to "Huften toil," let us observe. I wish some poet would sing to us of the need to make machines do their proper and appointed duty of lightening modern labour.

SILK AND SEEDS.

The Emperor K'ang Hsi quoted the foregoing poem from Lou Shou of the 12th century. Here is another, on the rearing of silkworms. It describes how the first task is to cleanse the eggs. This is done in the days when the swallows return:

THE BATHING OF THE SILK-WORMS' EGGS.

Within the happy village all Observe the happy festival: The swallows to, their home return. Chin yen is past, the fires may burn. Now fair hands hold the turquoise bowl, While from the scented packet roll. The eggs that must be cleaned, that soon The silk shall form in white cocoon. In the great Palace first is kept; The Emperor worked before he slept.

Here I have taken the liberty of incorporating two poems written respectively by Lou Shou and Yung Cheng. The Chin yen referred to is a period at the end of Spring when cooking may not be done for several days. The Chinese silk industry was always cherished by the Chinese royal families, and the Emperor "himself tends the mulberries," says Lou Shou of the 12th century. The weaving of silk originated in China and the invention of the loom is attributed to an Empress. Singing, who is said to have lived circa 2,500 B.C.

Another poem deals with the immersion of seed-corn:

THE IMMERSION OF THE SEED.

The fruitful seeds of last year's toil, Guarded by Husbandman Divine, Are plunged into the swelling stream; Now all to case the toil combine. While village grey-beards advertise The mellowed knowledge of the wise.

A POETICAL PEOPLE.

Despite the exceeding care of Chinese husbandry, the limit of fruitfulness was reached long since in China, and infanticide is widely practised. One of our missionaries tells a curious story in this connection. A female infant, exposed to death in the usual fashion, was found still alive next morning by the father who had abandoned her. Struck with superstitious awe at this remarkable survival, he took the child back to her mother and named her "Pick-a-Up." The story illustrates several things, amongst them, the poetical quality of the Chinese mind.

I am tempted to add another poem, from the Chinese of Su Tung-p'o, written about the time of the Battle of Hastings (the date of which at this moment escapes me). The translation is by Arthur Waley:

Families, when a child is born Want it to be intelligent, I, through intelligence, Having wrecked my whole life, Only hope the baby will prove Ignorant or stupid. Then he will crown a tranquil life.

By becoming a Cabinet Minister! I seem to have travelled far from the Emperor K'ang Hsi, and to have reached, via Su Tung-p'o, a topic of contemporary interest! That is the worst of words! Either they lead you where you want to go, or to quite a different place.

In the Court of Criminal Appeal S. Sheffield and G. Whiteside, sentenced with E. J. Delancho, to various terms of penal servitude for demanding money with menaces, appealed against their sentences. Dismissing the appeals the Lord Chief Justice commented strongly on the repulsive, cruel, and prevalent crime of blackmail.

HONGKONG TOPICAL FILM:

The Dragon Boat Festival—The Annual Inspection of Police—Unveiling of the photo of the Late Governor R.G. MacDonald and The Vital and Human Photodrama

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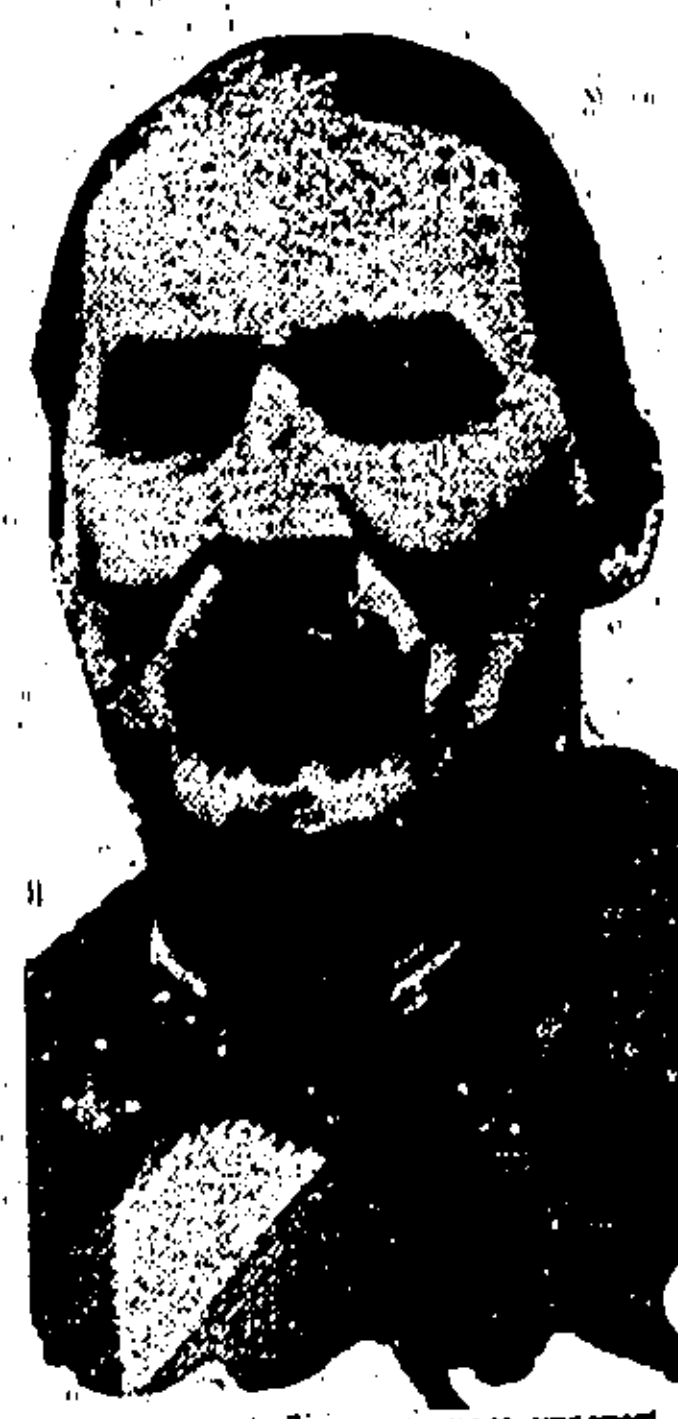
THE CHINA MAIL



Harry K. Thaw, who went to court to obtain his freedom from the Pennsylvania Hospital for Mental and Nervous Diseases, where he has been for the past seven years.



Elon H. Hooker, President of the Hooker Electro-Chemical Co., Niagara Falls, has offered to lease Muscle Shoals for 50 years and promises to save the farmers \$50,000,000 a year on fertilizer and to repay the Government \$305,000,000 in the half century.



Mr. Howard Carter, discoverer of King Tut's tomb, who recently arrived in New York to show the films of the opening of the separate shrines of the Egyptian King's tomb.



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Wembley's Many Races.—Soldiers of the Gold Coast with Sir Frederick and Lady Guggisberg. Sir Frederick is Governor of the Gold Coast.

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